

## Downtown Improvements

We are slaves of habit and that, perhaps, accounts for some unfavorable reaction to the new parking procedures required in the improvement now in full progress for Downtown Torrance.

Actually, as we have said before, the interested sidewalk superintendents should await the completed job. The most beautiful building in the world does not often present a very attractive picture during the course of construction.

The beautification plan for the revitalizing of this important section offers promise of greatly improving the appearance of the city's original business section. When the streets are properly marked for the unique plan conceived by the city, a major objection cited by some will be eliminated. The confusion attending construction work will prevail until the entire project is completed. In the meantime, the contractors seem to be striving to reduce inconvenience to motorists and pedestrians to a minimum.

The most encouraging effect of the ambitious program is the apparent enthusiasm generated among the merchants who are working out cooperative plans for promoting the area.

The ultimate value of the improvement depends on their successful exploitation.

## Hope and Good Will

Forty thousand people is a lot of people whether you're talking about a World Series game, the size of a city or a gathering at a dockside departure.

That's how many Peruvians journeyed to the small town of Salaverry on the northwestern coast of the country to bid farewell to the gleaming white hospital ship S.S. HOPE. Reports tell us they journeyed down from the hills on foot, inched their way along the coastal roadway on burros or came in ox-carts.

The scene was a paradoxical one for although the natives had decorated the ship from one to the other with garlands of flowers and thrust colorful bouquets into the hands of the departing doctors and nurses of the S.S. HOPE, nevertheless the mood was one of sadness. For in ten short months the great white hospital ship had become a symbol of comfort and warmth, caring and healing to these peoples.

And now it was leaving. One hears so much these days of American foreign aid dollars spent unwisely, of the poor image Americans have abroad, of constant gains scored by the Communists.

It is encouraging, then, to hear of the wonderful moving work carried on by Project HOPE and its physicians, dentists, nurses and paramedical personnel, laboring tirelessly and selflessly in such outposts of the globe as Indonesia, South Viet Nam and Peru. Here, a small corps of Americans has won for the United States the lifelong friendship of the peasant, the merchant, the landowner, the young and the old, the rich and the poor. In Peru, "Gringito," once bestowed disparagingly upon Americans, has become a phrase of warmth and friendship when applied to the "Hopies."

Now drawing near the end of a brief stay in the United States, the S.S. HOPE is preparing to sail again — this time to Ecuador at the invitation of the medical society there to bring medical assistance to those in need.

A non-profit corporation, Project HOPE depends almost entirely upon the generosity and support of the American people to carry on its humanitarian efforts. We are asked every day to give to this cause, to donate money to that organization, to consider a contribution to yet another group.

Yet, here is proof positive of an organization that produces. It produces not only healthier and longer lives for thousands who have been treated by the HOPE medical staff but presents to the world the warm and compassionate nature of all Americans. And it leaves behind a trained local medical cadre to administer to the sick.

It's something to think about.

## Fallout Shelter Bill

Now that The House has passed the foreign aid bill, pressure is on hearings being held on a proposed fallout shelter bill calling for \$175 million for 1964. Some estimates indicate that, once started, ultimate spending could total \$9 billion.

Congressman Frank J. Becker (R.N.Y.) who can be depended on to be alert where government spending is involved, cites his own experience of the "pressure and power" being employed. In his weekly news letter to constituents, he tells of a call he received from an official of New York State, with whom he was acquainted, who knew the congressman was not in sympathy with the legislation. He told the caller, why he opposed the bill, listing features he considered objectionable that the official himself did not know existed.

Mr. Becker concluded his message on the civil defense campaign by saying:

"What kind of system of government are we getting into? One of pressures and power? Believe me I will never subordinate my conscience to this sort of action. Congress is one of the three equal but separate branches of the Federal government. I will do my utmost to keep it that way."

Taxpayers will agree with him.

## Opinions of Others

SANDPOINT, IDA., NEWS-BULLETIN: "This country is hopelessly committed to the social security program which is taking a bigger and bigger bite out of every paycheck in the land. If Mr. Kennedy were to get his way about charging so-called 'medicare' against social security it would mean another big chunk out of every wage earner."

## No, No, This Doesn't Ban Poison Arrows



ROYCE BRIER

## Limited Nuclear Pact Has Worldwide Impact

The limited nuclear test ban proposal continues to have a worldwide impact. No nations, or people, no ideology is immune to it.

If a pact becomes a reality, and thereafter works, its influence will run in widening circles, determining the course of history. For it represents fundamentally the accumulated knowledge in the United States and the Soviet Union that the latter-day means of waging wars are too hazardous to suffer without some effort to delimit them.

Nowhere is the world impact more pronounced than across Asia. We should not forget that the United States and the Soviet Union, though they dispose most of the nuclear power, existing and potential, number but one-eighth of mankind. A good half of mankind lives in Asia. Most of these people live under a rigid, enslaving dictatorship which hates and fears the West, using as its biggest whip an Asiatic hatred and fear of the white man since first encountering him 500 years ago.

This is the broad background for the Red Chinese dismay and rage at Premier Khrushchev for his dealings with the non-communist powers. The Red Chinese had thought Marxist doctrine covered everything, only to find the doctrine is divisible. Nor does it cover the Russian need for coexistence, lest the entire civilization collapse.

The Red Chinese want the civilization to collapse and say so every day. It is West-

ern, and it stands opposed to the Red Chinese dream of world revolution. The Russians also dream of world revolution, but it is a different dream, pursuing different paths. The Red Chinese do not propose to take this lying down. The Mao people are not a timid, wool-gathering people, but a hard-driven, calloused, power-mad people, well situated in their continental isolation to take care of themselves. Unless all signs fail, they will set up an intercontinental, interracial struggle to achieve their ends.

Their trouble is they lack cohesion, having what Jomini, speaking of battlefields, called the embarrassment of numbers. But in Washington some observers are cautiously saying the sudden gunfire incidents on the Korean border may have been the first shots. The Korean War was Stalin's idea, but Red Chinese intervention virtually took North Korea out of Russian hands. At Seoul observers will not "exclude" the incidents as related to "wider developments" in Asia.

There is a Red Chinese buildup on the Indian frontier, where a sort of truce stopped the aggressions of last year. The Indians are receiving Anglo-American technical aid, and the Soviet Union is reportedly ready to give India some missile aid. The losing Vietnam war that momentarily engages us is a setup for full Red Chinese participation. Peking has lo-

gistics difficulties here and there, but no manpower shortage anywhere.

These tokens are worth watching, should rapprochement in the West continue.

## A Bookman's Notebook

By WILLIAM HOGAN

"A Guide to San Francisco and the Bay Region," by the writer and journalist James Benet, is perhaps the most complete Baedeker for tourist, long-term visitors or permanent residents since the famous W.P.A. guide to the 1930s. Random House has scheduled this for publication Aug. 26. Two editors; a clothbound \$5.95, and paperback \$1.95.

An outspoken personal account of Bertrand Russell's intervention during the most dangerous days of the Cuban and Sino-Indian crises of last year is due July 22 from Simon & Schuster. Titled "Unarmed Victory," it carries the full text and replies of Lord Russell's appeals to Khrushchev, Mr. Kennedy, U Thant, Sukarno, Nehru and Chou En-lai.

A new novel by Pearl S. Buck, "The Living Reed," is scheduled for September publication (John Day). This has a Korean background, and tells the story of a close-knit family from the era of Korea's Queen Min to the last days of the Second World War.

Robert Frost's definition of poetry, as quoted in "What is Poetry?" by John Hall Wheelock, due in August from Scribner: "Poetry is what gets lost in translation." And to skewer the thought habits of the extremely liberal man to whom all poetry must forever be enigmatic, Wheelock quotes a classic quatrain by Franklin P. Adams: "I see the business office, and I see the floor above it. I see and hear a lot of things. Suppose I do. What of it?"

Notes on the Margin... Poet Randall Jarrell is editing a new series of Kipling's works for Anchor paperbacks. First two volumes are anthologies of short stories — "In the Vernacular: The English in India" and "The English in England." Both treat adult themes; children's stories will be contained in a later volume (\$1.25 each).

A new Zane Grey? That's right. The 86th book by the late specialist in Westerns titled "Boulder Dam," one of many that Zane Grey left at his death in 1939, is due August 28, from Harper's.

## Bulgaria Has Strong Ties With Russia, An Old Ally

Editor's Note: Another account of impressions gained by the Herald co-publisher in an extended tour of Russia and the bloc countries with a group of American newspaper publishers and editors.

By KING WILLIAMS

To the smallest in population of the Communist bloc countries belongs the position of being also the one with the longest and most meaningful alliances with Russia. Bulgaria, with 8,000,000 people, was liberated from the Turks by the Russians and since World War II has received more than \$2 billion in aid from Moscow.

Furthermore, the Bulgarians use the same alphabet and speak a language so similar that communication between the two countries is facilitated.

U.S. State Department officials in Sofia report "a reservoir of good feeling toward Americans" in Bulgaria that makes for a hearty welcome to tourists in a country offering winter sports in the mountains and bathing at colorful resorts on the Black Sea.

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We found some of the "reservoir" of good will in a high noon party given at the journalists club where representatives of the nation's press and radio personalities were hosts. There were lively exchanges between the American and Bulgarian newsmen. The friendly informality of the meeting, however, failed to budge the hosts from their obstinate contention they worked for a "free press."

My wife and I were seated with an editor of a magazine for women who could be described as a maturing Ingrid Bergman type. The two women were soon in animated conversation that produced an interesting history of one Iron Curtain journalist's career and her reasons for not being a member of the Communist party.

Educated at the University of California as an exchange student during World War II, she gave what probably is the stock reason for not joining the party: it entails too much overtime volunteer work.

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She claimed to be happy in her job from which she will retire at 55 with two-thirds of her salary as a pension. Under the system, she said, she will be able to work if she chooses and keep all of her earnings. She didn't want an automobile, being perfectly content with her bicycle and the bus system.

Our male host at the table proved to be editor of a national sports daily. He was affable and interested in anything relating to basketball, a sport that is rising in popularity in Bulgaria.

A meeting with Minister of Culture Peter Vutov that morning had been much more controversial than we had experienced in Russia. Vutov had been a former UN ambassador and served in the Rumanian Washington offices.

Among the gems dropped were his boast that, although he had been trained to become a priest, he was an atheist who believed that life was here on earth and "not in the sky." He said there could be no differences of opinion where Russia and Bulgaria were concerned because they had none.

## Quote

"If time heals everything, try sitting it out in a doctor's office." — Kenny Bennett, Greencastle (Ind.) Putnam County Graphic.

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Our guide on trips to churches and monuments in the city and to dinner on a mountain overlooking the city was an earnest, likable young woman named Julia. Before escorting us to the opera to attend a good performance of "The Flying Dutchman," she gave us the story of the opera in her own rather faltering English, variously referring to the main character as the "flying Hollander" and "flying Dutch."

Merchandise in Sofia

seemed expensive and shoddy with women forming lines at 7 a.m. to exchange coupons for rationed goods. Private ownership of cars seemed to be more extensive than in Moscow. The inevitable new high rise apartment buildings were everywhere with multiple occupancy of one- and two-room flats the rule rather than the exception.

Russian Orthodox services are held daily at St. Sofia Cathedral, an ornate 20th century edifice. Few children, we were told, attend.

## Around the World With



"You mentioned a Mississippi River cruise. Where do we write for information?"

Greene Lines, Cincinnati, O. (Paddlewheel steamer "Delta Queen." Great.)

"My husband's parents will have \$375 a month retirement pay. Can you suggest a place . . ."

Spain would be my first choice. Then Portugal. Then Mexico. They should live very, very well on that.

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"We would like to see a bullfight in a border town. Where? How do we find out?"

There are bullfights in Tijuana — write San Diego, Calif., Chamber of Commerce. In Ciudad Juarez — write El Paso, Tex., Chamber.

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"What you said about tent cabins in Grand Teton National Park sounded swell. Who do you write and how do you get there?"

Write Ray Lillie, Grand Teton Lodge, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, for a folder. Get there by Greyhound or Frontier Air Lines out of Salt Lake City.

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"Where can I obtain maps of camps you can stay at overnight for various states?"

National Park Service, Washington, D.C., should have a list of their parks with services available. For State parks, write the State Chamber of Commerce at the State capital.

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"Do you need special driver's license for Europe? We will rent a car."

I haven't had to get an International License for Britain, Ireland, France or Spain — they just accept my State license. If you do need something special, the rental agency will have it for you.

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"On a European tour (travel, tips, most meals and entertainment included but not all) how much would a single girl have to spend?"

About \$10 a day should do it. (If the men on the tour are gentlemen, you shouldn't spend anything.)

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"I am going to Mexico but want to live in a REAL Mexican hotel. We will be in Mazatlan."

The old Belmar on the waterfront. Nice patio, pleasant rooms. About \$4.80 a day. Don't know whether they still keep the pet boa constrictor around. Quite a sight to see him slither down the stairs. (They used him for a mousetrap instead of having a cat.)

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"Where do you get the insurance for lost articles while traveling? I think you said you got it for \$35 a year. I got mine from Travelers."

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"We will be in Jamaica in October. What kind of clothes do we need? Will it be hot (at Montego Bay)?"

Pretty warm — in the high 80s during the day. Swimming is great, though. Try Doctors Cove. Resort wear — short sleeve shirts, easy shoes, shorts, slacks. Little dressy at dinner. But a man doesn't need a dinner jacket.

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"What about the Central American countries? Cheap? Interesting?"

For me, they become progressively less interesting the further south you go. Beyond Guatemala I was bored — I couldn't get with it. However, I was only in the capitals and only for a short time.

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"What do you think it costs per day to drive from New York to San Francisco and back? Two people."

For two, I budget these trips at \$35 a day. Gasoline, \$10 to \$12 on a \$450 mile daily run. Same for motel rooms. The rest on food, drinks etc.

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"We will cross the equator by Pan American plane. Do we get one of those certificates I have seen?"

You do — with Neptunes and sea creatures and the Captain's signature. Tell the stewardess you want one. (Usually they are mailed to you.)

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## Morning Report:

The plot has finally been revealed. It's just as Senator Thrumpton said it was. He maintained that there was more to the A-bomb treaty with Russia than met the eye.

Premier Khrushchev whipped Secretary of State Rusk at badminton, 4 to 1. Even though the game was played at Mr. K's summer-home court, the impact of the loss on the uncommitted nations will not be lost.

Of course, there is always the possibility that Rusk didn't throw the game, as a price of getting Mr. K. to sign the treaty. In that case, I suggest Rusk be sent back to Mills College, the women's college near San Francisco where he used to teach, for further seasoning.

Abe Mellinkoff